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This page provides information about resources for dealing with disaster-related mold and mildew. Increased moisture and humidity that occur during natural disasters can contribute to the growth of mold in homes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide additional information on mold cleanup, health hazards and resources.

✓ Dealing With Mold And Mildew In Your Flood-Damaged Home

After natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods, excess moisture and standing water contribute to the growth of mold in homes and other buildings.

Be aware that mold may be present and may be a health risk for your family, if your home has water damage due to:

- Flooding,
- Sewage back-up,
- Plumbing or roof leaks,
- Damp basements or crawl space,
- Overflows from sinks or bathtub, or
- High humidity: steam cooking, dryer vents, humidifiers.

The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide.html) ([//www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide.html](http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide.html)) website contains information on mold cleanup and remediation in homes, schools and other large commercial buildings.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov/mold/default.htm) ([//www.cdc.gov/mold/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mold/default.htm)) website includes general background information about mold health hazards and mold safety recommendations.

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